

SPCA Presentation

There is a presentation at Otorohanga South School on Wednesday 15 June for Year 7 & 8 students. Former All Black Norm Hewitt will be reinforcing children to care for and to respect animals. Animal welfare education promotes the life skills of caring, nurturing, communication, respect and the ability to empathise with each other. Students are encouraged to explore the emotions and needs of animals and will investigate the unique bond that exists between people and their pets.

Children's Work



The year 3 and 4 children played soccer for the COP's winter sports. Go Waitomo!

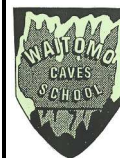
The seniors are involved in an activity called the Virginia Wheel. 'We tell our story to a partner the same time they tell their story and one line rotates so we have a different person regularly. It's good practise to tell and learn your story.'



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

4-6 June	Queen's birthday weekend (no Saturday sport)
8 June	Batons Up money and tickets in
11 June	Rugby home game dinner prep
14 June	BOT meeting
15 June	SPCA Y7 & 8 Schools presentation
15 June	Parent meeting, 3.30pm
18 June	Batons Up fundraising day, 4.00pm
25 June	Rugby home game dinner prep

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Term Two 2011

Week Five – 3 June

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Taurahere and Arahia Trent who join the senior class students. We also welcome Stephen Trent to our supportive parent community.

We have been working in depth with Meredith Bird Miller and exploring strategies for learning, telling and responding to stories through integrated arts including oral retellings, writing and digital storytelling. Students have been forthcoming in sharing stories they have learnt, fiction or experienced. Some examples you will have enjoyed in today's community assembly.

Thank you to our mystery storytellers Martha, Alex Bell, Brydie and Van. We look forward to another mystery storyteller next week. If you have stories you would like to share with the children please contact Tamae to make a time to come along.

COP's Winter Sports

Congratulations to all participants in the COP's winter sports this week. The soccer team were pretty cool, the netball team were awesome and the rippa team were fantastic. Way to go Waitomo!! Thank you so much to Vickie, Mrs Pease and Mrs Fleming for organising the teams and what a



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wonderful job the fundraising group did of the soccer barbeque. Well done everyone. Thank you Dawn, Marci, Rarangi, Alannah, Batch, Myke, Gaye and Heather. Thank you Nana Noeleen for the delicious pumpkin soup. Thank you Vetent for the use of their barbeque.

Principal Release Position

Mrs Heather Pease is leaving at the end of term two due to family circumstances. Applications for the principal release position have closed and interviews are being conducted. We were extremely impressed with the quality of applicants for this position and were overwhelmed with the number of people interested. It is anticipated that an appointment will be made within a week.

Life Education



Nicky and Harold have been part of our school for two days this week. We welcomed Piri Piri School and enjoyed interacting with them in and out of the mobile classroom environment. Students, from pre-schoolers to 12 year olds participated in lessons involving body systems, health and making the best choices. Life

Education rocks, we can't wait for Nicky and Harold to visit again.

Health

At this time of the year, sicknesses occur for different reasons. Please be vigilant with your child's health and monitor any illnesses by seeking advice from your local GP. Several children have recently been diagnosed with strep throat.

Batons Up

Thank you everyone for selling your Batons Up tickets. The details of ticket holders and money need to be returned to school on Wednesday. The draw will be made on Saturday 18 June at the Waitomo Rugby Pavilion at 4.00pm where a 'spin-the-wheel', barbeque and drinks will be on sale. Please spread the word and invite people along.

Parent Meeting

There is an additional parent meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 June at 3.30pm. This is a third teacher and camp information session.

Colgate Carton Race

We were very thrilled, when updating our carton count, to reach the leaders board. The top 25 schools in New Zealand are announced online and we made it to 25 then 24 position. We are still a long way from the top however it is very exciting when local business ring to say they have a collection for our school. Thank you Waitomo News, National Bank Te Kuiti and Invercargilites! Currently we have a count of 2.5 per pupil! Please, everyone, keep collecting we have 26 days left to collect more, more, more!



Thank you

Thank you to the National Bouldering group for donating \$500 to our school for the bouldering championships that were held earlier in the year. Special thanks also to the Stubbs families for the work they put into this in making it happen.

Thank you to the Waitomo Glowworm Caves for sponsoring our new first aid kit. This will be used for Saturday sports teams, school excursions, camps and any activities necessary.

Thank you Guy and Cristobel for collecting Anchor milk labels as part of another school promotion for cash prizes.

Thank you to The Lines Company for sponsoring our newsletter paper.

Property

Thank you Alannah and Batch for continuing the great work with PD teams at school during the weekends. The grounds are looking well maintained and the vege garden area is amazingly sorted!!

Just one call for help ... If anyone has a water blaster and wouldn't mind water blasting the driveway and pathway parallel to the driveway that would be fantastic. Thank you.

The administration upgrade has been given the go ahead from the Ministry of Education. Ricci Maniapoto from Te Timatanga Project Management in Hamilton is the project manager and building work will begin soon. There will be minimal disruption to classroom teaching and we are looking forward to some changes ahead.